

STATEMENT

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Republican candidate for governor Woody Thrasher:

“When I was West Virginia’s Commerce Secretary, our office worked with China Energy on an investment deal, just as we did with any other company or business. We did not offer them any incentives, and they did not ask for any.

“Based on the discussions I was involved in, China Energy would not just take our resources, but would add value to our resources and develop brick and mortar facilities in West Virginia that would employ our people.

“The Memorandum of Understanding was not a binding document, but simply an outline of our discussion, which encapsulated our understanding of the path forward. This was done as President Donald Trump was negotiating trade deals with China, and we were supporting the president.

“I’m shocked anyone would think showing an interest in investing in West Virginia is a bad thing. We have huge potential for a vibrant petrochemical industry and should be courting anybody who would bring that to light.

“It would be tremendous for West Virginia to see value added to our raw products for once as opposed to just being an exporter.”

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